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SUBJECT: PEKING POSTERS MARK BEGINNING OF MEMORIAL OBSERVANCES ON
FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF PREMIER CHOU'S DEATH

1. BY LATE MORNING ON JANUARY 6 SLOGANS AND POSTERS MARKING
THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF PREMIER CHOU'S PASSING (JANUARY 8, 1976)
WERE PUT UP ON WALLS ALONG CHANG AN STREET ADJACENT TO THE
PEKING HOTEL AND ON THE WOODEN WALL SURROUNDING THE TIENANMEN
CONSTRUCTION SITE FOR MAO'S MAUSOLEUM. CONTENT OF LARGE
PRINTED SLOGANS IS ROUTINE : "MOURN PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI,
RALLY CLOSELY AROUND CHAIRMAN HUA KUO-FENG," "PREMIER
CHOU EN-LAI LOVED THE PEOPLE, THE PEOPLE'S HEARTS ARE ONE
WITH PREMIER CHOU," AND "THE GANG OF FOUR OPPOSED OUR
BELOVED AND RESPECTED PREMIER CHOU."

2. ONE EIGHT-PAGE HANDWRITTEN POSTER, SIGNED "REVOLUTIONARY
SUCCESSOR" AND DATED JANUARY 8, 1977, ATTRACTED A CROWD OF
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SEVERAL HUNDRED AROUND THE CHANG AN STREET WALL
ONE BLOCK EAST OF THE PEKING HOTEL. WITH GOOD-NATURED
SHOVING AND JOSTLING MAKING IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR ANYONE TO
STAND BEFORE THE POSTER LONG ENOUGH TO TAKE IN ITS CONTENTS,
ONE YOUNG WOMAN WAS FINALLY PREVAILED UPON TO READ IT
ALoud. THE THRUST OF THE POSTER WAS THAT THE TIENANMEN
DEMONSTRATIONS LAST APRIL HAD BEEN A SPONTANEOUS

MANIFESTATION OF THE PEOPLE'S LOVE AND RESPECT FOR PREMIER CHOU, THAT PULLING DOWN AND TRAMPLING OF THE MEMORIAL WREATHS CONSTITUTED EVIDENCE OF THE GANG OF FOUR'S POLITICAL AMBITIONS AND "FASCIST" LINE, AND THAT "SLANDER" OF "COMRADE TENG" AS "CHINA'S IMRE NAGY" WAS EQUALLY ATTRIBUTABLE TO POLITICAL SCHEMING BY THE GANG OF FOUR. ELSEWHERE THE POSTER RECAPITULATED THE POST-GANG-OF-FOUR STANDARD VERSION OF POLITICAL EVENTS FOLLOWING PREMIER CHOU'S DEATH: MAO'S SELECTION OF HUA KUO-FENG TO BE PREMIER STRUCK A BLOW AT THE GANG OF FOUR'S POLITICAL SCHEMES; CHANG CHUN-CHIAO'S FEBRUARY 3 POEM "MY FEELINGS" CONSTITUTED EVIDENCE OF HIS AMBITION TO BE NAMED PREMIER; AND THE GANG MANIPULATED AND UTILIZED THE TIENANMEN DEMONSTRATIONS TO SERVE THEIR PERSONAL POLITICAL ENDS.

3. THE POSTER STOPPED SHORT OF CALLING FOR A REINVESTIGATION OF TIENANMEN OR REHABILITATING TENG, HOWEVER. IT CONCLUDED WITH AN APPEAL TO COMMEMORATE THE ANNIVERSARY OF CHOU'S DEATH.

4. PUBLIC SECURITY PERSONNEL WERE IN EVIDENCE BUT MADE NO MOVE TO TAKE DOWN THE POSTER OR OBSTRUCT ITS RECITATION. FOREIGN PRESS AND DIPLOMATS PRESENT WERE NOT DISTURBED. GATES

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